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SUBJECT: SPANISH APPROACH TO EEC - REMARKS OF MINISTER OF COMMERCE

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1. ACCORDING TO SPANISH PRESS, MINISTER OF COMMERCE  
CALVO-SOTELO SAID APRIL 28, ON RETURN FROM TALKS AT  
EEC, THAT THE COMMUNITY "AWAITS US WITH OPEN ARMS."

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CALVO-SOTELO ADDED THAT HIS DISCUSSIONS OPENED A NEW

STAGE IN TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE EEC, AND THAT SPAIN'S INTENTION TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY, ONCE THE NECESSARY SPANISH POLITICAL REFORMS HAD BEEN CONCLUDED, REMAINED FIRM. HE SAID THE COMMUNITY HAD ABANDONED ITS POSITION INSISTING ON A FREE TRADE AREA WITH SPAIN, A VIEW IT HELD SINCE LAST YEAR'S TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT IT NO LONGER VIEWED SPAIN AS A MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRY BUT RATHER A EUROPEAN ONE. DISCUSSIONS WOULD NOW PROCEED AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL, HE SAID.

2. SPAIN'S AMBASSADOR TO EEC, ALBERTO ULLASTRES, WAS QUOTED BY SPANISH PRESS AS SAYING SPAIN WAS INSISTING ON TRADE BENEFITS FOR AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THE U.K., DENMARK AND IRELAND IN RETURN FOR EXTENDING TO THESE COUNTRIES THE PROVISIONS OF THE 1970 AGREEMENT WITH THE SIX. PRESS REPORT SAYS EEC, IN TURN, CALLED FOR REDUCTION OF SPANISH INDUSTRIAL TARIFFS. THE PARTIAL TRADE AGREEMENT SOUGHT AT THIS TIME, ACCORDING TO ULLASTRES, WOULD LAST UNTIL SPAIN ACTUALLY JOINED THE COMMUNITY.

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